

\$50,000 in student loan debt per borrower. With the flick of a pen, President Biden could give a fresh start to tens of millions of borrowers drowning in debt—a fresh start, just what they need as the country begins a fresh start as we recover from COVID.

Today is as good a day as any to cancel student debt.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The minority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING MIKE ENZI

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the Senate is stunned and grieving this morning. Our dear friend and former colleague Senator Mike Enzi passed away last night following a serious bike accident this past weekend.

Mike was 77 years old and only about 7 months into retirement. Our friend was blessed with a great American life, and he lived it well. Mike was hugely accomplished but at the same time humble. He was powerful; he was influential but earnest and deeply kind. He was ambitious, but on behalf of the people of Wyoming, not personal gain or glory.

Mike's quarter-century career in the U.S. Senate capped a storied career in public service. He was elected mayor of Gillette, WY, at just 30 years old. He was a young husband, running a family business, but he saw an opportunity to put his shoulder to help his neighbors.

Well, to be more precise, our former colleague and Mike's predecessor, Al Simpson, gave him a not-so-subtle nudge. It was more like conscription. Gillette needed help, and this up-and-comer was exactly what the booming town needed at that time.

Diana agreed to let Mike throw his hat in the ring, and the rest is history. The mayor's office eventually gave way to the Wyoming House, then the State senate, and then this Senate.

Here, Mike built a two-part reputation that might have struck people as contradictory. On the one hand, Mike was a principled, hard-nosed conservative. He chaired the HELP Committee and the Budget Committee with a small businessman's painstaking financial eye. In fact, when he first unpacked his office, Mike was the Senate's only trained accountant. He was central to getting generational tax reform off the starting blocks. He was a policy leader in our conference. But at the same time, this principled westerner was also universally known as one of the kindest, most thoughtful, most respectful Senators on either side of the aisle.

Mike's famous 80-20 rule helped him find bipartisan common ground on a

long list of significant issues. I know he was particularly proud of his focus on the global fight against AIDS.

On the HELP Committee, Mike cut important deals with his counterpart and ideological opposite, Ted Kennedy. Neither Senator walked away from his principles; they just wanted to find where those principles actually fit together.

Mike's policy wins were many. But at the end of the day, Mike knew what everyone else around here knew: His greatest accomplishment was winning Diana's hand and building their family together.

Their marriage, their partnership, was a Senate institution unto itself. The Enzis' kindness overflowed into legendary parties and generous gifts for the entire Senate community, especially the behind-the-scenes all-stars who do not get thanked nearly enough.

So Mike Enzi departed the Senate having changed policy and law for the better because of his mind. And now he has departed this life having changed his friends and his colleagues for the better because of his heart.

Today, the entire Senate stands in solidarity with Diana at this tragic time, which has come entirely too soon. Our prayers are with her, their three children, and their grandchildren and the entire family.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mr. President, on a totally different matter, while American families worry about rising costs, Washington Democrats want to embark on yet another reckless, multitrillion-dollar taxing-and-spending spree. Recent surveys show that more than 80 percent of Americans are somewhat or very worried about the rising cost of living. And 73 percent say they are worried about impending tax hikes. But our Democratic colleagues have dreamt up another reckless taxing-and-spending spree that would stick families with even higher costs, even higher taxes, and an even shakier economy.

The overall pricetag is so outrageous—outrageous—and the potential economic damage so significant that you can almost forget to look at all the terrible policies Democrats are hoping to hide behind the jaw-dropping dollar figure: blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants; pieces of their effort to take over all 50 States' election laws under false pretenses; a socialist price-setting scheme for prescription medicine that would lead to fewer new treatments, fewer new cures, and especially hurt people with rare or unusual diseases; a bill that would have "the swamp" redistributing money away from working families who don't make childcare arrangements the way Democrats want.

And then there is the huge catalog of expensive and radical Green New Deal policies that Democrats say they want to ram through as part of this spree. For example, Democrats want to use a party-line vote to slap an expensive new carbon tax on certain imports be-

fore American consumers get to buy them. That is after already sticking working families with higher prices due to inflation.

To add insult to injury, international trade experts warned this new carbon tax scheme will lead to foreign retaliation, costing our Nation jobs, wages, and economic prosperity.

It is a one-two punch, threatening the livelihoods of working families across our country. Just ask the American farmers who worry foreign retaliation will depress their grain and livestock prices while increasing their input costs like fertilizer.

Democrats also want a new set of top-down mandates that would crush the affordable forms of energy that keep Americans' lights on, heat and cool Americans' homes, put gas in Americans' cars, and provide a whole lot of American workers their jobs. They want every Senate Democrat to line up unanimously behind the most liberal plans to wage a war on fossil fuels.

I have said it before, and I will say it again. Our distinguished colleague, Chairman BERNIE SANDERS, may not have won the last Presidential primary, but on the Democratic side, it sure looks like his socialist philosophy is winning the war. House Democrats, the far left, and the administration keep floating this endless eco-socialist shopping list, and apparently, they expect every single Senate Democrat to simply fall in line.

They want to further expand job tax credit giveaways for costly electric cars when 80 percent is going to households earning six figures and up.

They also want money and mandates to push the entire Federal Government fleet toward electric cars as well. So wouldn't you just love to see an IRS auditor pull up to your tax audit in a \$97,000 Tesla?

By the way, the Biden administration's own statistics admit the comparable gas-powered vehicle would cost taxpayers tens of thousands less.

Democrats have even floated big Federal giveaways for electric schoolbuses, but zero help if rural schools need to replace a diesel bus with another diesel—just what rural school boards have been longing for.

And don't forget Democrats' discussion of using Federal dollars to remodel or reconstruct millions of homes or buildings they find insufficiently "green."

I remember a while back when Democrats won one outlet's "Lie of the Year" award for promising: If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor.

Maybe this year will feature a remake: If you like your house, you can keep your house.

It just does not end, Mr. President. It reads like one mass effort to upend life in places like Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana, and Iowa and all throughout the American heartland until it fits the fashions of west coast millionaires—another effort to push the